

Fredericksburg Recycling Goes Single-Stream

You may have noticed the city using a compactor type truck to collect curbside recycling lately. Don't worry, your bottles, cans, and paper are still being recycled. To take advantage of the new **Single Stream** recycling system, the Public Works Department is phasing out the use of its current curb-sorter type recycling truck (the one that has sides that open like "wings") and phasing in the use of a compactor type truck (commonly recognized as a "garbage truck").

With Single Stream recycling, items collected are sorted at the recycling facility rather than at the collection point. Since city crews no longer must separate items at the curb, the Public Works Department has begun using a compactor truck to collect curbside recycling. The items collected are hauled to the same recycling facility at the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Board (R-Board) landfill; however, the compactor truck can make fewer trips due to its capability to haul larger quantities of recyclables and thus save fuel and staff time.

The City has a brand new Compactor Vehicle permanently assigned to recycling collection clearly identified with recycling graphics on its sides. The City purchased the new truck with recent dividends received from the new landfill methane gas electric generator at the R-Board regional landfill.

